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*Whereas, Marine Corporal Charles G. Abrell was born August 12, 1931, in Terre Haute, Indiana, and was killed in action June 10, 1951, near Hangnyong, Korea;*

*Whereas, Charles G. Abrell joined the Marine Corp five days after his 17th birthday;*

*Whereas, Charles G. Abrell was only 19 years old when he was killed defending his country;*

*Whereas, On June 10, 1951, while advancing with his platoon in an attack against heavily fortified enemy positions, Corporal Abrell voluntarily rushed forward through a hail of intense automatic weapons fire from the enemy bunker situated on commanding ground;*

*Whereas, Although previously wounded by enemy hand grenade fragments, Corporal Abrell carried out a bold, single-handed attack against the enemy stronghold;*

*Whereas, Sustaining two additional wounds as he stormed the enemy bunker, Corporal Abrell pulled the pin from a grenade and hurled himself bodily into the bunker, still holding the live ammunition;*

*Whereas, Fatally wounded in the grenade explosion, Corporal Abrell killed the entire enemy gun crew and,*



*thereby, saved the lives of his fellow Marines;*

*Whereas, In recognition of this courageous act, Corporal Abrell was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He also received a letter of commendation with commendation ribbon and combat "V", a Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit Citation with two bronze stars, the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Europe clasp, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with one silver star, the United Nations Service Medal, and two Korean Presidential Unit Citations;*

*Whereas, Corporal Abrell is buried near Farmersburg, Indiana; and*

*Whereas, Bravery such as this deserves to be remembered always: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
- 2       Secretary of the Navy to name a new guided missile destroyer in honor
- 3       of Charles G. Abrell.
- 4       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
- 6       the Navy and the family of Charles G. Abrell.

